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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Dieter Raisch et al

Title: SEAL ELEMENT FOR A VEHICLE COMPONENT

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The references have been in the international Search report. They have all been marked "A" as relating only to background information with regard to the present application. The references do not disclose that,

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

The references were cited during in the international Search Report. They all relate to window seal arrangements. But the references do not disclose that in a seal element for a vehicle component comprising a seal body delimiting a seal space and the seal body being engaged by the vehicle component when the vehicle component is to be sealed in a closed position of the vehicle component, a reinforcement structure is supported in the seal space so as to be movable relative to the seal body and means are provided for fixing the reinforcement structure in predetermined positions within the seal body.

Respectfully submitted,

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